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Troops claim top title

An information systems analyst and TUSCAB band member here now wear the title of Soldier/NCO of the Year.

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Eustis divers wrap up pier projects

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
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Beating their self-imposed deadline by nearly a month, the 511th Engineer (Dive) Team put the finishing touches on Fort Monroe's Engineer and Finger Piers this week.

Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, TRADOC commander, was on hand to thank the divers on Thursday. Byrnes presented the Fort Eustis troops TRADOC coins in recognition of their quick, high-quality work.

"Let me tell you, what you accomplished here at Monroe ... I appreciate it," Byrnes told the troops.

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A glimpse of Fort Monroe's graduating seniors.

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Will another Isabel clobber coastal Virginia?



Inset photos above by Matt Thomas

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Despite Isabel, post reclaims 'Tree City USA' title

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
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Although Hurricane Isabel struck quite a blow by killing more than 260 trees on post last fall, Fort Monroe has reclaimed its Tree City USA title.

Garrison commander, Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, read the proclamation May 19 from the National Arbor Day Foundation to post employees in attendance at a "Safety Day/Environmental Mini-Fair." It's the 17th year in a row Fort Monroe has won the Tree City designation, and the third consecutive year it has received a Growth Award for its demonstrated commitment to preserving its "community forest."

"We are trying to be selective and are using more trees that are native to the area and are insect, drought and salt tolerant."

Grady Wesson

Installation Natural Resources Coordinator

"You never know if you are going to receive it ... I figured we'd be 'Tree Stump City USA' this year," said Grady Wesson, the installation's Natural Resources Coordinator, alluding to the tree loss from Isabel.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, Tree City USA recog-

nizes "environmental improvement and high levels of tree care." Criteria also included providing education and public relations, a green industry partnership, land-use planning coordination and a wildlife habitat.

"The more significant fact is the restoration of the trees and shrubs that were killed — not replacing them tree for tree (because of environmental considerations). We are trying to be selective and are using more trees that are native to the area and are insect, drought and salt tolerant," Wesson said. "They also meet the Mid-Atlantic Region Historic Landscape management plan."

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'The strength of every chapel or church is the people who serve there.'

PCS, a time to reflect on precious memories

Can you believe it's time to PCS already? Who among us has not felt and even said those words?

Sometimes we've uttered them with a sense of surprise and other times a sense of relief. Moving on is a way of life for those of us and our families who have answered the call to serve in the military, but the great gift of God is how we remember the days gone by.

A few short years ago my wife, Janice, and I made our first PCS from Fort Campbell, Ky. to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Moving on was a sad time because of the many friends we were leaving in our workplaces and in our church.

One of the fondest memories is of a dear friend, Nancy, singing a special song for us at our last Sunday service. The Song was Precious Memories. We

Chaplain's Corner



Lt. Col. Michael Durham
Northeast Region Chaplain
Personnel Manager

had made some lasting and precious memories there as we have at the eleven wonderful locations to which the Army has moved us since then.

One verse of the song goes, "in the stillness of the midnight, precious memories unfold." As busy as the last days of a PCS can be – and perhaps it has to wait till midnight – unfolding

those precious memories can be an uplifting experience.

As Janice and I prepare to move to our next assignment in a few short days, it provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the grace of God we've experienced through the people He has brought into our lives here at Fort Monroe.

The Chapel of the Centurion congregation has welcomed and blessed us with open arms and friendship since our first Sunday worship together. We give thanks for the many moments shared in worship, Bible study and, of course, around the fellowship table.

The strength of every chapel or church is the people who serve there. As I said in my last sermon at the Chapel – folks will soon forget your name, but they won't ever forget the way you cared for and loved

them. We won't forget either.

Every assignment has special moments that somehow mark that time. Fort Campbell is where my daughter was born and Fort Belvoir, my son. We drove home from Fort Riley to attend my Mother's funeral. We flew from Heidelberg, Germany, for the funeral of Janice's Father. Fort Monroe will always hold a special place for two reasons. It was here that our nest was finally emptied when our son got in the recruiter van and began his Air Force journey. And, it was here that my wife became a nana.

Living on post has allowed us the opportunity to get great seats for the Music Under the Stars concerts each summer ... how we treasure the musical memories made sitting in the grass with friends each week eating the Boy Scout

hot dogs and enjoying Protestant Women of the Chapel treats.

And who could forget the way our community came together to care for one another after hurricane Isabel made her way across our little peninsula. I still can smell the bacon cooking on the gas grills early in the morning.

I could go on and on as I reflect on our two short years here – so many friends made and experiences shared, but I think we've made the point. Though a PCS is always a busy time with lots of stress on everyone in the family, it can and should be a time for reflection and thanksgiving. And, if you are not preparing for a PCS this summer, I encourage you to take some time for reflection and enjoy the precious memories made thus far in the journey.

God bless you all.

Memorial observances honor fallen heroes



File photo by Patrick Buffett

Staff Sgt. Jeanine Lewis of The U.S. Continental Army Band will be the guest performer at the Hampton National Cemetery Memorial Day observance beginning at 10 a.m.

Fort Monroe's NCO of the Year will be among the featured guests at Monday's Memorial Day observance at Hampton National Cemetery beginning at 10 a.m.

Staff Sgt. Jeanine Lewis of The U.S. Continental Army Band will sing "America the Beautiful" during the event, which will also include a 21-gun salute by a firing detail from the 233rd Military Police Detachment and the playing of Taps, also by a member of TUSCAB.

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Mixon, Jr., deputy director/chief of staff, Futures Center, TRADOC, will be the program's principle speaker. Senior service representatives from military installations throughout Hampton Roads will also be on hand to lay wreaths at grave markers in the cemetery.

At the end of the ceremony, a TUSCAB brass quintet will

perform a military service medley.

The entrance to the area of the Hampton National Cemetery where the event will occur is on the grounds of Hampton University, just off the Settler's Landing exit of I-64. Guests are encouraged to arrive early as parking is somewhat limited.

Immediately following that ceremony, Fort Monroe will host a 21-cannon salute at Continental Park beginning at 11:50 a.m.

Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, will be the featured speaker at the event. A salute battery comprised of Soldiers from Headquarters TRADOC and the Fort Monroe garrison will fire the salute. TUSCAB will also perform patriotic music at that event.

To read more about Fort Monroe's NCO of the Year, see Page 5.

Hampton police stress 'Click it or Ticket' message

The Hampton Police Division has joined other law enforcement agencies in Virginia and across the nation for this Memorial Day's "Click It or Ticket" campaign, as well as the upcoming Labor Day's "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" effort.

Enhanced and well-publicized enforcement during the holidays is an effective deterrent, sending out the strong message that seatbelt use is the law and drinking and driving will not be tolerated, according to police officials.

Police departments across the nation are also trying to educate drivers on the statistics surrounding motor vehicle accidents involving alcohol or passengers not wearing seatbelts.

By not wearing a safety belt, for instance, you are five times more likely to be killed in a crash and three times more likely to sustain serious injuries.

They also stress that all children under age 16 must be properly secured in a child safety seat or with a safety belt no matter where they are sitting in the vehicle, and it is the driver's responsibility to make passengers buckle up.

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Monroe ACS receives DA-level accreditation

In recognition of their “high level of performance, integrity and quality,” the Army Community Service, Soldier and Family Support Center here recently earned full accreditation from the Department of the Army Community and Family Support Center.

“This is important from the human aspect,” Richey Cooper, ACS officer, said after Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, presented the official certificate May 18.

“When Soldiers deploy, they can be confident that their families are being supported by the ACS,” Cooper said. “Prior to the accreditation program, you could go to a small ACS and not have the same programs that the larger ones have, like Army Family Team Building.”

Cooper said that although it is not tied to dollars or manpower now, accreditation is mandated for all ACSs.

“It is bringing ACSs on line to have the same standard programs and almost the same services wherever you go,” said Eva Granville, manager of the family advocacy and exceptional family member programs.

There are four basic aspects of the accreditation process — notification, self-study, a site visit, and



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

ACS staffers (l-r) Marie Hinton, Bill Smith, Richey Cooper, Deborah Williams and Eva Granville pose with Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, during a May 18 ceremony.

the accreditation decision. These can take up to three years to complete.

The self-study phase involves the ACS officer, program managers and administrative staff thoroughly examining operational and administrative procedures. If an area shows a weakness, it will result in noncompliance with the accreditation standards.

“Noncompliance means you don’t get accredited – it’s a glaring red mark,” Cooper said. “It doesn’t mean that the ACS has to close its doors, it just has to come up to standard.”

Once self-study is completed, the results are provided to the accreditation team chair 30 days prior to a site visit.

During the visit, the team meets with post and ACS staff members and analyzes documentation including standard operating

procedures.

The accreditation team was comprised of representatives from the the Northeast Region Office, regional medical commands and the DA CFSC. Their goal was to document compliance with standards and support of a consistent level of quality service to the community, well-being and mission readiness.

Fort Monroe ACS achieved 100 percent success in meeting the standards set forth by DA.

“In the beginning, it was frightening and frustrating, but the staff really showed their metal. In the end, it helped build the team,” Cooper said.

After receiving accreditation, ACSs are reevaluated each year.

Spotlight Event

With 13 Top 40 singles and record sales topping 40 million, the legendary rock band REO Speedwagon will perform at a pre-Memorial Day summer kick-off bash May 29 at Walker Airfield. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. with a classic rock performance by The U.S. Continental Army Band’s “Crossfire.” REO takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. For important gate access and traffic information, see MP Roll Call on Page 9.



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“Engineer and Finger Piers had to be built “pretty much from water up.”

“This thing with Isabel tore people apart. These piers are more than just structures, they’re part of our history, and thanks to your hard work, that will continue here at Fort Monroe.”

The Engineer and Finger Piers are two of three fishing docks on Monroe that had to be built “pretty much from water up” after Hurricane Isabel splintered their decking and dislodged pilings last fall, according to Andy Cross, DPW Project Manager. A fourth pier near the Bay Breeze Community Center will not be rebuilt.

The dive team — whose work here was also highlighted in the April 30 edition of the Case-

mate — completed its work on the Navy Pier near the Chamberlin Hotel earlier in the month. The new structure is significantly smaller than its predecessor, down from 190 feet by 185 feet to 175 feet by 18 feet.

The newly built Engineer Pier has the “exact same footprint” as its historic ancestors. Additional pilings have been added to increase the structures chances of surviving future storms. “It’s definitely more stout,” Cross said. “And the dive team, as well as the rest of us, are all very proud of the work.”

Along with its sturdier base, the Engineer Pier has a new electrical system and navigation-

al lights so it will be seen by nighttime boaters. A new fish-cleaning station with running water was also expected to be operational this week. Structural improvements were also made to Finger Pier, as well as new lighting that will make it usable during hours of darkness.

The Engineer pier is now open to the public from dawn to dusk each day except for Wednesdays after 4 p.m., when it will be restricted to military ID card holders only. Finger pier will be open 24 hours, 7 days a week, and may be used by DoD identification card holders only.

Another significant repair project completed this week is the gazebo at Continental Park. Sustaining major damage after being literally “twisted” by Isabel, according to Cross, the structure was “completely stripped” and refitted with new, sturdier support structures.

The gazebo’s new columns are made of fiberglass, a feature that should be easier to maintain and will increase durability, Cross said. Steel support structures underneath will also increase its chances of surviving future storms.

Other amenities, like a new electrical system and a raised loading dock, will “surely be appreciated” by groups like The U.S. Continental Army Band, that conducts its Music Under the Stars summer concert series at the site each year, according to Cross.

“That’s another project where we have to give the contractor (Tesoro Corporation from Virginia Beach) a lot of credit,” Cross said. “They gave this project their full attention and went out of their way to meet our deadlines to the best of their ability.”

Keep reading the Casemate for further information about continuing Isabel recovery and post improvement projects.



Photos by Patrick Buffett

Photo left: Adhering to a dive team tradition, Soldiers of the 511th Engineer (Dive) Team leap from the rail of Engineer Pier — the unit’s final stamp of approval for the structure they rebuilt. Photo above: Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, right, TRADOC commander, thanks the team for their work during a ceremony Thursday.

Williams’ ‘firsts’ now include Soldier of Year win

STORY AND PHOTO BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Spc. Tanika Williams’ crash course on Soldier board appearances really paid off ... she now wears the title of post Soldier of the Year.

“That was my first board and I had some stiff competition – two soldiers, infantry and MP, and they were both male,” Williams said about the May 18 event. “I told myself I had to be confident and go in there and do what I know to do. And, I guess that was good enough.”

The information systems analyst said that she confidently approached the board and never lost her military bearing. “No matter what, I kept looking at the person (who asked a question). I know I didn’t answer all the questions well. Some of them I didn’t know, but I didn’t want to sit and think forever, so I just said I didn’t know,” she said.

Convinced she had done her best, Williams said she felt her performance was far from a winning one. “When I found out I was shocked. I still find it hard to believe,” Williams said.



Spc. Tanika Williams
Information Systems Analyst, DOIM

Openly admitting she really didn’t want to go to the Soldier of the Year board in the first place, Williams said her sergeant kept after her to go. “Finally, they said, ‘you will be going to this board.’ So, I sat down and started studying. I had two weeks to study and I had never been to a board so I had to learn the basics on how to sit and how to address the board. And, when it was over, I felt like, even if I didn’t win, I had accomplished something great,” she said.

Williams’ success may have also been an inherent trait ... her father is TRADOC Command Sergeant Major Anthony Williams.

“I was supposed to spend time studying with my dad, but he is TDY so much, I ended up studying by myself a lot. Actually, he did go over how to sit for the board with me. We practiced for about an hour. But mostly it was my NCO who helped me.”

She spoke of advantages and disadvantages of sharing your first duty station with your father and people’s perceptions of a CSM’s daughter.

“People think I should have a certain attitude

“People think I should have a certain attitude because my dad is the TRADOC sergeant major. They seem to think I was born knowing how to shine boots and how to do a PT test, but that all came with work.”

Spc. Tanika Williams
FORT MONROE SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

because my dad is the TRADOC sergeant major. They seem to think I was born knowing how to shine boots and how to do a PT test, but that all came with work. Before I joined, I did not know

how to shoot a gun. I was afraid of the M16 and didn’t know how to shine boots. But, it is great having parents that I can go to for help,” she said smiling.

Williams said she feels she has to work harder, “not because of him (her father) or what he might think, or what people see me as.” but because she has high standards.

“I did not plan to join the Army; that was a last minute decision,” Williams said. “Growing up, I was a girly-girl. I didn’t play sports, I didn’t do anything like that.”

“In my senior year in high school, my best friend talked me into joining ROTC. I was

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TUSCAB ‘headliner’ earns top Monroe NCO title

STORY AND PHOTO BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Staff Sgt. Jeanine Lewis is used to being a “headliner.”

The 37-year-old vocalist for The U.S. Continental Army Band here has appeared as a featured performer for ceremonies throughout Hampton Roads and Fort Monroe. This weekend, she will not only be the lead singer for the TUSCAB classic rock group “Crossfire” as they open the REO Speedwagon concert Saturday night, but will also entertain guests at a Memorial Day observance at Hampton National Cemetery Monday (see Page 2).

And her starring moments go beyond the stage.

“Of course, it’s a huge honor. And I think this title is a good reminder that my first duty to the Army is being an NCO.”

Staff Sgt. Jeanine Lewis
FORT MONROE NCO OF THE YEAR

Last week, Lewis stepped before an “audience” of eager senior enlisted Soldiers, to include post Command Sgt. Maj. David E. Williams, and wowed them with yet another performance that earned her the title of Fort Monroe NCO of the Year.

“Of course, it’s a huge honor,” Lewis said. “And I think this title is a good reminder that my first duty to the Army is being an NCO.”

Like her competitors — Sgt. James Nelson, HHC Fort Monroe; Sgt. Robert Jones, 116th Infantry Regiment (National Guard); and Sgt. Sally Curlis, 233rd MP Detachment — Lewis auditioned for the NCO of the Year board by first competing at quarterly boards held throughout the past year.

“I felt like I was very well prepared,” the Anchorage, Alaska native said. “I spent about a month studying the various subject areas, and my experience with past boards told me that (the panel) would be looking at a lot of things, like military bearing and appearance.”

It also helps if your husband is the first sergeant for the MP detachment here. “He was tough, and he made me mad a couple of times. He kept repeating ‘you should know this’ every time I hesitated with an answer,” Lewis said with a smile that revealed her actual admiration for his support.

Looking back over her nine-year career, Lewis identified other crowning moments just as significant as her NCO of the Year win. One of them occurred in 1997 when she was accepted by the U.S. Army Soldier Show and traveled

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Staff Sgt. Jeanine Lewis practices for an upcoming TUSCAB performance.

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NewsClips

Clinic closes for the holiday

The Craven Army Health Clinic will be closed until 7:30 a.m. on June 1. If there is a medical emergency, go to the nearest emergency room located at the Sentara Careplex Hospital, Hampton; Mary Immaculate, Newport News; and Langley AFB. If there is no emergency, call TRICARE at 1-800-931-

9501 or go to MacDonald Army Community Hospital at Fort Eustis, or the Langley AFB hospital.

Signal Corps holds celebration

The Northeast Regional Chief Information Office, Fort Eustis DOIM and Fort Monroe DOIM cordially invite you to attend the United

States Army Signal Corps 144th birthday celebration to be held at the Post Theater, Fort Monroe June 21 at 2 p.m. For more information, call Carolyn Dillard, 788-4950.

AG's Corps celebrates birthday

The Tidewater Chapter of the Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association is holding a birthday dinner in honor of the establishment of the Adjutant General's Corps on June 16, 1775. The 229th birthday celebration is open to all and will be held on June 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Bay Breeze Community Center. Contact Capt. John Ecenrode at 788-3588, or Sgt. Shalena Brownlee at 788-4133 for details and tickets.

ROCKS will meet in June

The Hampton Roads Chapter of ROCKS Inc. will hold its monthly general membership meeting on June 1 at 6:30 p.m., at the Hampton University, Army ROTC Department, Armstrong-Slater Hall. Active, reserve and retired commissioned and warrant officers are welcome. Junior officers and Senior ROTC Program cadets are encouraged to attend.

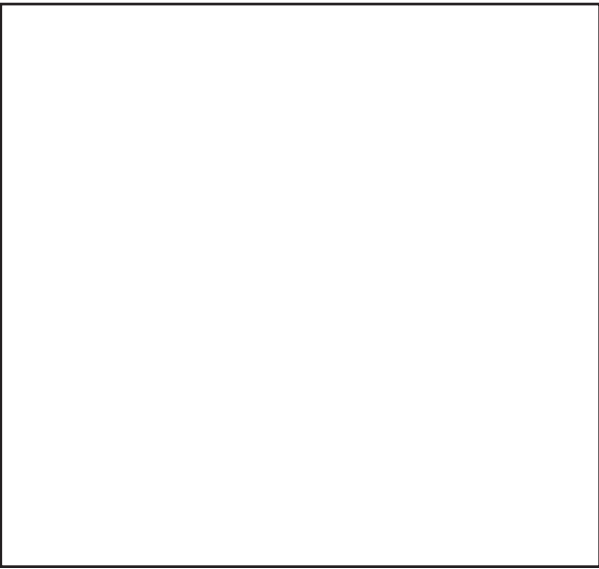
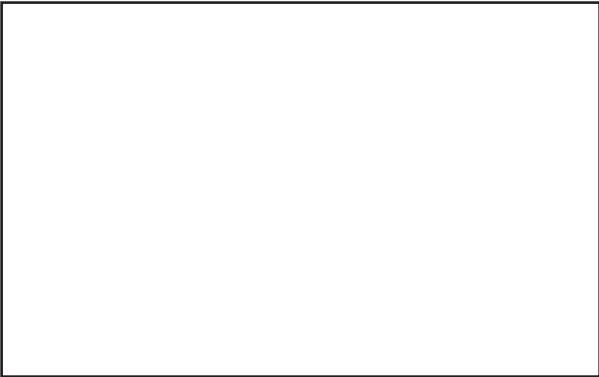
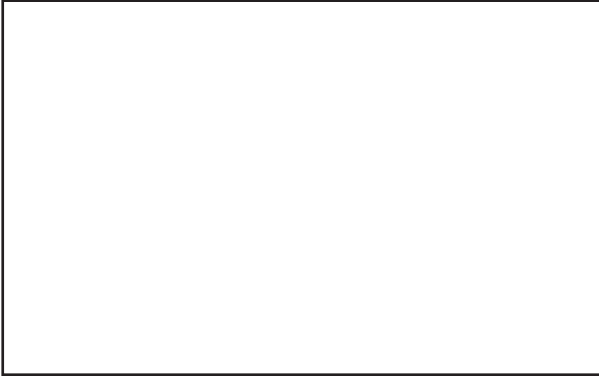
The guest speaker for the June meeting will be Col. Carlos Glover, Director, JROTC Directorate, Cadet Command, Fort Monroe.

For more information, contact Capt. Harriett Lee-Newman, at (757) 836-3945.

Moving plasma TVs

One of the wonders of modern technology is the new flat screen plasma TVs. They are very expensive and the carrier industry is concerned about the manufacturers' warnings about potential damage from extreme temperatures and exposure to high altitudes.

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*Photos by
Patrick Buffett*



Guest speaker Dr. Daisy Rodriguez discusses the stereotypes often endured by Asian Pacific Americans.



Jim Curtin of DCSRM demonstrates the carefully controlled moves of Tai Chi during the Asian Pacific American observance May 17 at the Bay Breeze Community Center.



Brig. Gen. Gratton O. Sealock, II, commander of U.S. Army Cadet Command, joins dancers of the Cebuano Speaking Association of Tidewater during their May 17 performance.



Post honors Asian-Pacific Americans

Far right photo: A member of the Cebuano Speaking Association of Tidewater performs with drinking glasses balanced in both hands and atop her head. Photo right: A CSAT member performs a courtship dance reminiscent of the Asian Pacific islands during the observance here May 17 at the Bay Breeze Community Center.



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Another example of the stewardship provided by the post Environmental Office was the disposition of about 307 tons of biomass —



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, helps plant trees in Cannon Park as part of Arbor Day activities May 19.

downed trees — left in the hurricane's wake. In an effort to "make lemonade when life hands out lemons," they found beneficial uses for the material.

"We took trees and mulched them," Wesson said. "Then we took half of the mulch and made it finer and used it on the fort. The other half was sent to a landfill to use as part of its daily cover."

"It was good because there were only two options. Mulching is recycling. The only other option was to take the trees to a landfill to be burned," he said.

By recycling their own biomass, the fort also experienced significant cost savings. The average market price of mulch is a little more than \$20 per cubic yard, and the post uses about 280 cubic yards in its flowerbeds, around trees and as a trail cover at Dog Beach each year.

"It's this sort of accomplishment that clears up any public misconception that the military is a destroyer of the environment," said Ron Pinkoski, environmental engineer. "Conservation is something we are genuinely committed to. It is part of taking pride in the appearance of this post. It shows we care."



Photos by Patrick Buffett

Photo above: Officer Paul Anderson of the Fairfax County Police Department prepares Lt. Col. Portia McCraw, left, and Maj. Gregory Ash, Jr., for the 5 mph crash they're about to experience in a simulator that was set up for the post's Safety Day/Environmental Mini-Fair May 19. Photo right: Fort Monroe firefighter Sheldon Cuffee and MWR recreation assistant Mark Mobley work the grill as guests make their way through the free hotdog line.



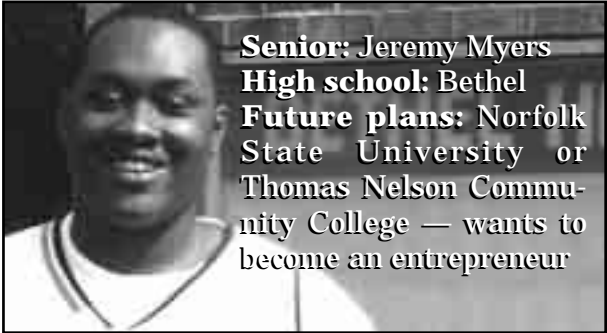


Photo above and top right by Patricia Radcliffe

Holly M. Berry (photo above)
High school: Kecoughtan
Future plans: Attend High Point University, High Point, N. C., majoring in accounting

Congratulations Class of 2004

*Fort Monroe wishes
best of luck to its
graduating seniors*



Senior: Jeremy Myers
High school: Bethel
Future plans: Norfolk State University or Thomas Nelson Community College — wants to become an entrepreneur

Jenise Barnes
High school: Phoebus
Future plans: Enlisted in the Air Force at the Thunderbirds air show last weekend; wants to become a radiologist or pharmacist

Felisa Denise Carrington
High school: Phoebus
Future plans: Attend University of Maryland-Eastern Shore majoring in human ecology

Nakita Resto
High school: Phoebus
Future plans: Attend Christopher Newport University, majoring in pre-veterinary medicine

Bradley Ross Ingram
High school: Kecoughtan
Future plans: A career at the Newport News Shipyard as a welder

Tyler Johnson
High school: Kecoughtan
Future plans: Attend Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

Mashawn Jones
High School: Warwick
Future Plans: Attend The College of William and Mary majoring in political science. After that, attend law school, probably at Georgetown University



Ebony Seals
High school: Woodside
Future plans: Attend Thomas Nelson Community College, majoring in biology working toward a career as a forensic scientist

Christopher Siders
High school: Phoebus
Future plans: A career in mechanical drawing

Melody Wilson
High school: Phoebus
Future plans: Attend High Point University in North Carolina and become a physician or specialist in obstetrics/gynecology

Cody Hanson (photo left)
High school: York
Future plans: Virginia Polytechnic Institute, possible major is computer engineering

All of the information above was provided by parents and high school seniors of the Fort Monroe community as a result of announcements in the April 30 and May 14 issues of the Casemate; over the command channel and in the garrison commander's staff meeting for directors. Photographs are for visual effect only, and do not reflect favoritism of any particular student. The Casemate apologizes if any seniors were overlooked.

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PMO provides weekend concert reminders

BY INVESTIGATOR JASON HAYNES

REO Speedwagon will appear in concert on post May 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. and the Provost Marshal Office has reminders to help make this day go a little smoother for visitors and post residents.

- Stillwell Gate will be open to all traffic (including pedestrians).
 - McNair Gate will be open for all event and other non-residential traffic.
 - Traffic will be routed along Fenwick Road to designated parking areas adjacent to Walker Airfield.
 - Non-DoD visitors 18 and older must show a picture ID to enter the installation.
 - No coolers, food or beverages will be allowed inside the snow-fenced areas – orange plastic “fencing” – around the event site.
 - No weapons are allowed on post.
 - Mercury Boulevard inbound traffic will be diverted to Mellen Street to assist with leaving post.
 - When leaving Fort Monroe after the concert, all vehicles will exit on Fenwick or Stillwell Road.
- Fort Monroe MPs and Hampton police will direct traffic leaving post.

Visit us online at www.monroe.army.mil/casemate.

PMO introduces its new Web site

The Provost Marshal Office’s Website is <http://fort.monroe.army.mil/pmo/>. It can be accessed by clicking the Provost Marshal link on the Fort Monroe homepage. This site contains information regarding various aspects of the PMO’s mission. There are links to information on vehicle registration, MP investigations, traffic and the 233d MP Detachment. Contact numbers for the PMO, and links to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, U.S. Army Military Police homepage and the Virginia DMV are also accessible from this site.



“I want you to live,” Sharon Bowen (right) told post Chaplain (Lt. Col. Wilbert Harrison (left) as she tried to convince him not to jump off a “bridge” during a role playing session of the Suicide Interention Training at Bay Breeze Community Center May 21. Post and Fort Eustis chaplains partner to provide this training here and on Fort Eustis regularly. The next available class is June 17 and 18 at Fort Eustis. Call Harrison at 788-2611 or Fort Eustis Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Jenkins at 878-5808 for more information.

Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Hurricane *Survival Guide*

Emergency Supply Checklist

- ❑ Several clean containers for water (three to five day supply, about five gallons per person).
- ❑ Alternate heating and cooking sources such as a kerosene heater or camp stove.
- ❑ Three to five day supply of non-perishable food.
- ❑ Shovels and hand tools.
- ❑ First aid kit and manual.
- ❑ Candles and matches.
- ❑ Battery-powered radio, flashlights and extra batteries.
- ❑ A mop, bucket and towels.
- ❑ Sleeping bags or extra blankets.
- ❑ One or more rolls of plastic sheeting, a staple gun with staples and duct tape.
- ❑ Large supply of non-breakable spoons, forks, knives, cups, plates.
- ❑ Plastic trash bags and ties.
- ❑ Water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or unscented, ordinary household bleach.
- ❑ Emergency kit for your car with flares, booster cable, maps, a first aid kit and fire extinguisher.
- ❑ Prescription medicines.
- ❑ Citizens band radio or cellular phone, if possible.
- ❑ Baby food and/or prepared formula (canned), diapers and other baby supplies.
- ❑ Games/favorite toys.
- ❑ Disposable cleaning cloths such as baby wipes.
- ❑ Pet food.
- ❑ Toilet paper.
- ❑ Insect repellent.
- ❑ Personal hygiene supplies.
- ❑ Rubber boots and gloves.

Inclement weather call list

The following is a list of area radio and television stations which are notified when weather affects the work status at Fort Monroe:

TELEVISION:	WCMS AM 1050/FM 100.5	WNIS AM 790	WSVY FM 107
WTKR-TV, Ch. 3	WGH AM 1310/FM 97.3	WNOR FM 98.7/AM 1230	WTAR AM 850
WAVY-TV, Ch. 10	WHRO FM 90.3	WNVZ FM 104.5	WTJZ AM 1270
WVEC-TV, Ch. 13	WHRV FM 89.5	WOWI FM 102.9	WWDE FM 101.3
RADIO:	WJCD FM 105.3	WPTE FM 94.9	WXEZ FM 94.1
WAFX FM 106.9	WKOC FM 93.7	WROX FM 96.1	WXGM AM 1420/FM 99.1

Alerts will also be broadcast over Fort Monroe Command Channel 471

Additional Weather Information Sources:

The Weather Channel, a 24-hour, seven-day cable television network devoted entirely to weather. -- Note: TTY/TDD users can dial the Virginia Relay at 1-800-828-1120 to be connected.

In the event of hurricane warnings, supervisors should inform their workers about early-release information.

For emergencies, call either DPW Service Order Desk at (757) 788-4228 or the Military Police at (757) 788-2238.

Information gathered from the National Center for Environmental Health, Fort Monroe DPW, www.emergencymail.org and the WAVY 10 Hurricane Survival Guide



Hurricane preparation

- Learn about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes and locations of at least two emergency shelters.
- Take a first aid and CPR course.
- Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.
- Consider flood insurance, especially if you are in a flood zone. Keep in mind, most insurance companies enforce a grace period before the policy takes effect.
- Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity and water.
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police or the fire department.
- Insure fire extinguishers are fully charged and easily accessible.

- Teach family members how to extinguish a fire.
- Conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home.
- Establish an assembly point outside your home where all family members will meet in case they become separated.
- Update your emergency contact information to include names of relatives who would know how to reach you if ordered to evacuate. Provide that information to friends and your employer.
- Know the location of your important papers such as insurance policies and wills that should go with you if

ordered to evacuate.

- Inventory your property and take photographs or shoot video of high-dollar items such as major electronics, jewelry and antique furniture.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit (see recommended content list at left).
- Make arrangements for pets. Most shelters do not allow animals. Also insure your shelter has a pet evacuation plan, and is within easy access via evacuation routes.
- Consider purchasing UV resistant tarps and other tools needed to make temporary repairs after the storm.

Hurricane watch/warning in effect

- Check your supplies, especially water, batteries and non-perishable food that doesn't need to be cooked.
- Fill your vehicles with gas as well as approved fuel containers used for generators if applicable.
- Get extra cash to carry you over in case banks are closed and ATMs are without power.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and open doors only when absolutely necessary. Fill all ice trays or consider purchasing ice for extra cold storage in portable coolers.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, water jugs and/or cooking utensils.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof

- container on the highest level of your home.
- Bring in small items outside your home that could become projectiles with high winds. Insure large items (sheds, swingsets) are secured with hurricane tie-downs.
- Decide well in advance if evacuation is your best option — even if an evacuation order has not been given — to avoid heavy or backed up traffic.
- If evacuating, remember to carry identification cards, proof of address, etc., to regain access in the event an area is placed on restriction.
- If you decide to remain in your home, review evacuation plans and family rallying points. Move vehicles

- to higher ground or an area not prone to severe flooding.
- Place flashlights where they are easily accessible, especially bedrooms and common living areas. Do not use candles or devices with an open flame.
- Maintain contact with family and your employer.
- Continue to monitor radio and television news reports for additional information about the storm or possible evacuation plans. Prior to Isabel, Fort Monroe hosted a series of Town Hall meetings that also provided valuable information.
- Always be prepared to evacuate if the order is given.

During the storm

- Monitor the radio or television for weather conditions and emergency announcements, if possible.
- Do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed — the calm "eye" of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume.
- Do not attempt to drive anywhere — leave the roads clear for emergency vehicles.
- Expect the loss of electricity, gas and water.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce the power "surge" when electricity is restored.
- If you should lose power, eat perishable food first.
- Stay away from all windows and exterior doors,

- seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement. Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials.
- Remain as calm as possible. Keep children busy with talk and games to alleviate stress.
- Be prepared to evacuate to a shelter or a neighbor's home if your home is damaged or if you are instructed to do so by emergency personnel.
- If you abandon your quarters, lock all windows and doors and turn off all circuit breakers other than that which powers your refrigerator. Also turn off all heater/air conditioning units.
- If an emergency forces you out of your home, pro-

- ceed directly to another shelter. Do not attempt to move debris or other items which may have come into contact with live power lines.
- If you must abandon your pets, insure they are safe in an inside room and have a fresh supply of food and water.
- Have emergency numbers available at all times. The Fort Monroe military police can be reached at 788-2238 for emergency assistance or referral.

The Monroe Installation Operations Center hotline number is 788-6318.

After the storm

- Help injured or trapped persons. Give first aid where appropriate.
- Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury.
- Return home only after authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department. For those on post, contact DPW's Service Order Desk at 788-4228 or the fire department at 788-2287.
- Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.

- Check for gas leaks and leave the home immediately if detected. Contact the gas company from a neighbor's home.
- Check for electrical damage and turn off all circuit breakers immediately if detected. Contact an electrician or your power company.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. Discard any food that has been at room temperature for two hours or more. Your refrigerator will keep foods cool for about four hours without power if it is unopened.
- Take pictures of the damage, both to the house and

- its contents for insurance claims.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary, and watch for flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- Use telephones only for emergency calls.
- Do not allow children to play in floodwater areas or play with floodwater contaminated toys.
- Wash hands frequently to avoid illness caused by contaminated water.
- Do not use tap water for drinking, cooking or bathing until it has been declared safe by authorities.
- Look out for your family's mental health. Get plenty of rest, eat regular meals and be patient. It will take time for life to return to normal.



Harbor Park pitches patriotism

Post MP part of 'military night' opening lineup

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

A 22-year-old military police sergeant here was part of the multi-service entourage that kicked off Military Appreciation Night May 14 at Harbor Park in Norfolk.

Sgt. Tammy Woods, traffic NCOIC for the 233rd Military Police Detachment, was invited to represent Fort Monroe and throw out one of the opening pitches prior to a baseball game between the Norfolk Tides and Syracuse Sky Chiefs. More than 12,000 fans turned out for the event.

Other opening ceremony participants included Admiral E. P. Giambastiani, commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command, Lt. Gen. Martin R. Berndt, commander of U.S. Marine Forces Atlantic, and Col. Ron. Ellis, garrison commander of the U.S. Army Transportation Center at Fort Eustis. Each of the other services also sent enlisted representatives who joined Woods on the infield and tossed opening pitches of their own.

"It was a huge honor being there among such a distinguished group of officers and enlisted," said

Woods, who was chosen for the Harbor Park event by 1st Sgt. M. J. Lewis, her detachment's lead NCO. "And I can't even describe how it felt to be there representing the Army. I think it was one of the most proud moments of my life."

The festivities also included the playing of the National Anthem by the Atlantic Fleet Band, Norfolk Naval Station, and the presentation of colors by a joint service color guard representing military organizations throughout Hampton Roads. An Air Force flyover featured F-15 Eagles from the 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base.

Woods said the evening's events only strengthened her love of the Army and commitment to being a career Soldier. Military service is a tradition that dates back five generations in her family, although she said she's the first female among them who donned a uniform.

"I just knew the military was where I belonged ... it was my whole purpose in life," said Woods, who calls Cocoa Beach, Fla., her "stateside home." Raised in the military, the three-year Army veteran also has family in Germany.

"There was never any doubt about what I was going to do in the Army either," she said. "Growing up, my dream was to be part of the military police corps. I wanted to help people. It was just that simple."

With past assignments at Camp



Photos by Patrick Buffett

Sgt. Tammy Woods, 233rd Military Police Detachment, throws to Norfolk Tides pitcher Pedro Feliciano during opening ceremonies of Military Appreciation Night, May 14 at Harbor Park.

Humphreys, Korea, where she worked in a military confinement facility, and Fort Polk, La., where she performed regular MP duties, Woods said she has already experienced "many aspects" of law enforcement. "My ultimate goal is to become a sergeant major in this business," she said with a quick

glance that beamed confidence.

As for her first taste of the pitching mound and roaring crowds at Harbor Park, Woods said she "thought it was cool," and she'll probably return as a fan. She even bought her first giant foam hand to secure her place among spectators.

"This whole thing was a tremendous experience and I think every person involved in putting this event together each year deserves our thanks for their support of the military," Woods said.

"I don't think it mattered if you were in the stands or out there on the field ... it was a moment when you said 'yeah, I'm a Soldier, and I represent the United States Army, and this is what I'm fighting for.'"

A joint service color guard marches by the Army's Multiple Exhibit Vehicle on display outside Harbor Park during Military Appreciation Night May 14. The color guard was followed by the Atlantic Fleet Band. Both groups were also on hand for the playing of the National Anthem prior to the ballgame.



Registration underway for youth service mini clinics

Fort Monroe Youth Services has scheduled a series of sports mini clinics for the summer, and interested parents are encouraged to register their children for the events while space is still available.

The clinics and there costs are as follows:

Gymnastics - July 19 to 22, Cost \$40.

Soccer - July 12 to 16, Cost \$30.

Basketball - July 19 to 23, Cost \$30.

Windsurfing - July 8, 15, 22 and 29, Cost \$15. (Free regatta July 31 for all participants)

Tennis - July 26 and 28, and Aug. 2, 4, 9 and 11, Cost \$40.

Cheerleading - Aug. 6 to 13, Cost \$20.

Fishing - Aug. 23 to 25, Cost \$20.

The costs listed include all sessions during the clinic, except for windsurfing. Each participant will also receive a t-shirt.

All participants must be CYS registered (\$15 annual fee). Refunds will not be given for missed classes. And all clinics are conducted on Fort Monroe.

Registration ends one week prior to the start of each clinic.

For more information about times, age requirements and class-size limitations, contact Mike Jones at 788-3957.

New deck, pirate ship, await outdoor pool customers

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

MWR employees charged with maintaining Fort Monroe's outdoor pool were astounded by Hurricane Isabel's rampage.

They discovered buoys missing and steps leading to a waterslide whisked away. Even its one-ton pirate ship wasn't safe from the storm's assault last fall.

"I was 'WOWed' when I saw the devastation. I didn't know where to start," said Mike Carlomany, pool manager.

Carlomany said that fences were knocked down, the pass-checker office at the entrance to the pool area was demolished and the pool contained nine cubic feet of sand, among other things.

DPW removed debris and contractors began bringing the pool area back to normal in January.

Now, the area sports a new look. Fencing and lounging areas have

been reconfigured from the way they were in previous years to create a more spacious environment and allow greater ease in moving around the deck. The deck itself is partially covered with vinyl flooring instead of just the concrete that was under foot.

The pool was also relined. There is a new pirate ship accompanied by a giant caterpillar and hippo on the beach, replacing the oversized toys that were destroyed.

"I don't think anybody realized how powerful water is. I think it surprised everybody when it took the piers away. It took out a fence ... what preparation can you make for that?" Carlomany posed.

The outdoor pool will reopen May 28 and operate 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays.

For information about pool pass rates, visit www.monroemwr.com and follow the aquatics link.



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Mike Carlomany, pool manager, repairs a pool vacuum cleaner May 18. Carlomany often engages self-help options to build, maintain and repair structures, equipment and fixtures at the pool.

'Showtime' posts 3-2 record in Clinton, Md. tourney

The Fort Monroe varsity flag football team "Showtime" posted a 3-2 record in the Clinton, Md., USFTL Metro Cup flag football tournament, May 22 and 23.

The tournament drew 41 teams. "Showtime" got off to a slow start, losing their first game 7-0 to the "Head Hunters" on Saturday. The post team hit its stride later that day, however, as they defeated the "Huns" of Fort Meade, Md., 31-7.

On Sunday, the Monroe team once again faced the "Head Hunters," but this

time they defeated them 10-7 with a game-winning field goal with four seconds remaining. "Showtime" waited on the sidelines as the two undefeated teams remaining in the tournament — "Flynn's Marauders" (#6 of 100 teams ranked nationally) and "Vipers" (#16 of 100 teams ranked nationally) — battled it out. The "Viper's" earned the upset with a 28-20 win and a chance to take a breather while Fort Monroe conducted its business with the Marauders.

In the semi-final game, "Showtime" came up with

an upset of its own by defeating the #6 ranked team 7-6. This propelled Monroe into the Championship game with the "Vipers."

Both teams scored a pair of touchdowns in the first half. "Showtime" scored on a 40-yard catch and gallop from quarterback Thomas Scott to wide receiver, Kareem Terrell. They took their first lead in the game with a double pass from Scott to wide receiver Carson Brown to wide receiver James Dix who took it into the end-zone. The "Vipers"

responded with a 14-14, game-tying touchdown with one minute remaining before the half.

The "Vipers" continued their momentum in the second half, scoring twice and building a 26-14 lead. Showtime closed the gap on a 45-yard bomb from Carrol Smart to Brown with two minutes remaining in the game. The "Vipers" took the final possession and ran the clock out to claim the "C" division, Metro Cup championship 26-20.

"I was very happy with my squad's performance

overall," said Scott, the team's player/coach. "With several new players on the team, it took a game for us to get into sync, but all players contributed to our team's success in one capacity or another."

Scott noted that four TRADOC soldiers from Fort Eustis recently joined the team — Marlin Clemons, Terry Larkin, Dustin Willet and William Moleon. Other Fort Monroe players are: Shawn Murray, Joel Gentry, Chuck Griffin, Eric Hill, William Cutshaw and Matt Bauman.

TRADOC seeks Org Day teams

TRADOC Organization Day will be celebrated June 25. It will begin at 7:50 a.m. at Continental Park with remarks by the hosting general officer. A 3K fun run/walk will immediately follow.

All personnel (military, civilian and family members) who work or live on Fort Monroe are invited to attend. Civilian personnel for whom June 25, would be a CWS day off should check with their supervisors for work schedule arrangements. Contractors who wish to participate will be required to take vacation or make other arrangements with their employer to attend the events.

Following the fun run/walk there will be a variety of sporting events. Special requirements for each event will be in an upcoming Casemate Organization Day article.

In addition to a the sporting events, the Command Group, Deputy Chief of Staff offices and tenant units are planning picnics and associated family activities. Activities for the day will conclude after the closing ceremonies at DeRussy Field (approximately 3 p.m.).

For more information, contact your section's Organization Day representative or Laine Beckwith at 788-2204 or beckwitl@monroe.army.mil.

Org Day sports POCs

3K fun run/walk: Steve Chenault, 788-2073
3-legged race: Bill Burckard, 788-5078
Canoe races: Cheryl McNichols, 788-2555
Closest to the Pin: Capt. John Brevard, 788-2417
Fishing: Jacquelyne Jones-Phippins, 788-4524
Horseshoes: Eric Hayes, 788-5583

Softball: Teams will be formed, a POC has not been identified
Tennis: Lt. Col. Tracey Syvertson, 788-2951
Volleyball: Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Stewart, 788-5890
"Stars vs. Stripes" softball: 1st Sgt. Mitchell Brown, 788-4114

Intramural Standings

National League		Softball*	
American League			
ACC/CG	2-0	1 SFS	1-0
ACC/SF	2-0	1 LRS	1-0
IOSS	2-0	FM Moat Dogs	1-0
ACC/DP	2-0	1 EMS # 1	1-0
EMS#2	1-0	DGS #1	1-0
1AMXS #2	1-0	FM-DCST	1-0
ICMS	1-0	ESC ACF	0-1
ACC/IG	0-1	1 CS	1-0
12 ALF	0-1	1 CES	1-0
AF2CISRC	0-1	119 FW	0-1
DGS-2	0-2	FM MPs	0-1
FM Cadet	0-2	MOS	0-1
1LRS #2	0-2	1 MDG	0-0
ACC/DR	0-2	480 IG	0-0
FM JTF-CS	0-0	ACC/LG	0-0
ICONS	0-1	1AMXS #1	0-0
AEF Center	0-1		
		Volleyball*	
Post Diggers	8-0	Band	0-5
DCSRM	4-2	Cadet Command	1-3
NERO	3-2	DCMA	1-4

*Standings as of May 21

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UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

REO Speedwagon	May 29	RV Rally	June 10
Memorial Day Ceremonies . . .	May 31	Army Birthday Concert	June 10
First MUTS Concert	June 3	Clean Sweep Walk	June 15

For more on these and other upcoming events, see calendar below or other stories and briefs in this issue.



May 31

120th Memorial Day Remembrance

The oldest continuous Memorial Day Parade in the country marches for the 120th time May 31 at 11 a.m. in Portsmouth with Admiral William J. Fallon, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, as the Grand Marshall.

The parade will begin with the reading of a proclamation from the White House Commission on Remembrance which asks all Americans to pause for a moment of reflection at 3 pm on Memorial Day to honor those who have died in service to our nation.

Immediately afterward, the Old Dominion Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will conduct a flyby of the reviewing stand, at the intersection of High and Crawford Streets.

The parade, which is free to the public and held rain or shine, will have approximately 75 units marching along Crawford Street, from Columbia Street to Washington Street, lasting about one hour. Following the parade, a ceremony to celebrate the re-opening of the Portsmouth Lightship, a National Historic Landmark which has recently been renovated, will take place on Water Street at 12:15pm. Retired Admiral Bill Ecker will serve as the Master of Ceremonies, representing the Portsmouth Museums Foundation.

Admission to both the Portsmouth Lightship (1 to 5 p.m.) and the Portsmouth Naval Museum (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) will be free to the public on Memorial Day. The Portsmouth Naval Museum will feature a video tour of the

Care Packages



Photo by Terry Richey

Calla Abbott, an MWR lifeguard, stands by some of the donations collected at the indoor pool. Seven boxes were sent to troops in Afghanistan during the latest mailing. Peanut butter, gum, deodorant, socks, Kool-Aid, DVDs and VHS tapes were among the articles collected. Donations are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the Fitness Center, PX and indoor pool.

Portsmouth Lightship, which is not accessible to the disabled.

Also, the USAF Heritage of America Band will perform its traditional patriotic music concert at Willett Hall, 3701 Willett Drive, Portsmouth, at 7:30 p.m.

For a detailed list of parade and ceremony participants, visit www.portsevents.org. For more information, contact Ports Events, at 757/393-9933, ext. 201, or info@portsevents.org.

June 1

Olde Towne Lantern Tour starts June 1

“Olde Towne Lantern” twilight walking tours will be offered twice weekly during the 2004 summer season.

The tour, led by escorts in period attire, will be given from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, June 1-Sept. 28. Tuesday tours depart the lobby of the Holiday Inn - Olde Towne Portsmouth. The Saturday tours will leave from the foyer of

the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center.

One of the most popular stops on the tour is a building located at 329 North St., affectionately known as “Dr. Madblood’s castle.” The house was used as the imaginary dwelling of “Dr. Madblood,” a television personality who hosted a popular late-night horror show in the 1970s and who today hosts “The Friday Night Frights” on WSKY-TV.

Admission is \$5 per person, children under 8 are free. Purchase tickets immediately before the tour from one of the escorts in period attire. It is recommended that flat, comfortable shoes be worn, as the walk is approximately one mile. Call 393-5111 for additional information.

June 3

Greek Festival

The 37th annual Newport News Greek Festival will be held June 3 through 6. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Newport News will reveal the “true

treasures of Greece,” all open to the public with free admission.

There will be traditional culinary delights including homemade baklava, spanakopita, tiropita, moussaka, gyro, souvlaki, crispy calamari, Greek honey puffs and authentic Greek salad.

Hellenic youth dance groups will perform high-energy selections of both traditional and modern Greek dances. A live Greek band with a repertoire of ancient and modern Greek music will provide fun and festive music for diners. Festival goers can also enjoy a performance by the church choir at 2 p.m. Sunday inside the church.

The Marketplace, or Agora, will feature handcrafted gold and silver jewelry, pottery, tablecloths, glassware, cookbooks, pewter dishes, icons, wood crafts and much more. Take home the flavors of the festival with such purchases as filo, orzo, Greek olives, a variety of cheeses and olive oil from the Greek Country Store.

Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church is located at 60 Traverse Road, Newport News. From I-64, take the J. Clyde Morris Exit 258 B, Route 17 North.

For more information, call 596-5599 or visit www.schgochurch.va.goarch.org.

June 4

Get hooked on fishing tournament

The “Get Hooked on Hampton” fishing tournament series celebrates summer on the Chesapeake Bay with its Spring Open Tournament June 4-5 at the Sunset Boating Center near the Downtown Hampton waterfront.

More than \$3000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to participating anglers successful in catching the largest fish.

Anglers must attend a mandatory captains meeting at 7 p.m. on June 4 at Marker 20 Restaurant on Queen’s Way. Mandatory boat inspection is scheduled for June 5 from 5 to 8 a.m., with fishing during the day and weigh-in deadline at 5 p.m. The fishing event will coincide with the 4th Annual Hampton Blackbeard Festival taking place in Mill Point Park and throughout Downtown Hampton the same weekend.

Among the prizes is a \$1500 cash award for the largest Flounder, plus a \$1000 Bass Pro Shops gift certificate. The largest Spadefish garners \$500.00 plus a \$200 Bass Pro Shops gift certificate, with largest Trout and Rockfish also capturing \$500 awards.

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At The Movies

Showing at the Langley Air Force Base Theatre

Friday, May 28

7 p.m. — The Girl Next Door (R)

Saturday, May 29

2 p.m. — Hellboy (PG-13)

7 p.m. — Walking Tall (PG)

Friday, June 4

7 p.m. — The Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)

Saturday, June 5

2 p.m. — Connie and Carla (PG)

7 p.m. — The Punisher (R)

Adults \$2, children 6-12 years old \$1.50 and children under 6 are free. If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50. Special movie showings are available. Contact John Low at 766-1237 or LowJ@aafes.com for details.

A show of gratitude



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Brooke Simoneau, left, and Hayden Hendricks present Andy Cross an “I Survived Hurricane Isabel” t-shirt May 18. Moms, Maxine Simoneau and Ruth Hendricks helped the kids create enough shirts to recognize 55 DPW and Griffin Services employees who were instrumental in cleaning post residential areas following last September’s hurricane.

The largest overall fish weighed (all species) wins a new Suzuki four stroke outboard 4-hp engine. Additional prize details can be found at www.jimbaugh.outdoors.com.

June 7

Newport News Library programs

■ Reading: Choice is the Spice of Life! Adult Summer Reading Program

Patrons ages 18 and up can pick up an adult summer reading book-mark at any Newport News Public Library. Read the different types of books listed in the boxes to earn points. When you turn in your book, let a staff member know which kind of book you read, and they will stamp the correct box. The number of points you earn determines which prizes you are eligible to win. All Newport News Public Libraries are participating and the program runs June 7 through July 31. Prizes range from \$20 gift cards to pizza and a movie.

■ Blues Café and Summer Concert series

Hear talk on the history of Blues music and the Funky Blues King Trio will entertain with samples of the blues at the West Avenue Library, June 2 at 6 p.m.

■ First session of “One Book, One Community”

All of Newport News is invited to read the same book, “To Kill A Mockingbird.” The book will be discussed at each public library in Newport News. Roark Mulligan of

Christopher Newport University will lead the first discussion of the 1960’s classic.

Registration for the June discussion is going on now. The first 25 registrants will receive a free copy of the book. The first session will be held at the Main Street Library, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

■ Making Sense of the 60s: America’s Decade of Crisis and Change. The video “In Dark Time” will be watched and the effects of the war on the U.S. will be discussed with Dr. Nigel Sellars of Christopher Newport University leading the discussion. This is the third in a six-part series on various aspects of the decade. No registration required. Meet at the Main Street Library, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

All Newport News Public Library programs are free. For more information or to register for a program, call 247-8875.

June 20

Father-Daughter Cotillion

A Father-Daughter Cotillion will be held June 20 at the Bay Breeze Community Center from 6 to 10 p.m. Attire is dress blues, dress whites or mess, for the military; and evening wear for civilians. Tickets are \$18 for fathers, \$18 for daughters 12 and older, \$13 for daughters 6-11 and \$8 for daughters 5 and under. Tickets are on sale at the Community Activities Center. June 15 is the last day to purchase tickets. For more information, call 788-3957.

NEWS CLIPS

Plasma TVs, however, are shipped all over the world by manufacturers without incident. The key to protecting the TV is the original packaging.

Owners should retain the original packaging and shipping carton, if possible. Claimants also need to be aware that the maximum allowable limits for plasma TVs are \$1,500 per item and \$2,500 per claim. Purchasing insurance is, as always, highly recommended.

Officer and civilian awards

The Virginia Peninsula-General Douglas MacArthur Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is continuing its awards program to recognize the Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year and Department of the Army Civilian of the Year.

Selection criteria include outstanding performance of assigned duties, service to installation/command of assignment and service to the community.

Each submission should include the full name of the person nominated, job title and a brief biographical sketch to include any contributing accomplishments.

Please forward all nomination packets to the TRADOC Public Affairs Office by June 4 for forwarding to AUSA.

Call 726-3400 for more information.

Historical, archaeological society to meet in Phoebus

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Monroe will meet June 7, at 11:30 a.m. at

the Siren restaurant in Phoebus.

Maj. (ret.) Roland Hopkins, Army veteran of World War II, will discuss “Artillery Spotting in Wartime.” This event, marking the 60th anniversary of D-Day, is open to the public.

For more information contact David J. Johnson at 788-3935.

DAV hosts health fair

There will be a membership drive and health

fair at the Disabled American Veterans’ Portsmouth Chapter 27, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Personnel will be available to discuss disabilities, employment, women veteran’s needs and legislative programs. Counseling, cholesterol and blood pressure screening will also be available. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

DAV Chapter 27 is located 3019 Portsmouth Blvd., Portsmouth, Va. and RSVP is requested. Call 483-4384 for more information.

Music Under The Stars Summer Concert Series

Date	Group	Event
June 3	Concert Band	“Cinema Spectacular”
June 10	Concert Band/Army Chorus	Army Birthday Celebration
June 17	Jazz Band	“Salute to Big Bands”
June 24	Concert Band	“Evening of Classics”
July 1	Concert Band	“American Celebration”
July 8	43rd Army Band, Nebraska	Guest Performance
July 15	43rd Army Band, Nebraska	Guest Performance
July 22	James River Ramblers/Crossfire	Small Group Ensembles
July 29	Concert Band	“Cartoon Classics”
Aug. 5	Concert Band/Matt Ashford	“Center Stage”
Aug. 12	Concert Band	“Alumni Concert”
Aug. 19	Boston Brass	“Music in the Park”
Aug. 26	Concert Band	“1812 Overture”

■ All events start at 7 p.m., and take place at Fort Monroe’s Continental Park.

■ Concerts are free to the public and tickets are not required.

■ In the event of rain, the following schedule changes will occur: The June 10 Army birthday concert and the Aug. 19 “Music in the Park” concert will be relocated to the post theater the same day; and the “1812 Overture,” Aug. 26, concert will be rescheduled to the following day, Aug. 27, at Continental Park.

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with the group during their 1998-'99 season. “I started out in the Army as a SIDPERS (military records) specialist,” she said. “The Soldier’s Show was a turning point. After that, I successfully auditioned for a vocalist position with the Army band at Fort Campbell, Ky.” That position opened the door for her follow-up assignment as a vocalist for TUSCAB. “I only have another month or so to go on this assignment, then I’m heading off to school to become a career counselor,” Lewis said, also noting that she’s completely satisfied with the heights she has already hit in her singing career.

“I want to spend the rest of my time in the Army helping other Soldiers make the right decisions about their career,” she continued. “I’ve chosen Mannheim, Germany as my first duty assignment after I complete my schooling. After that ... who knows?” And, as if NCO of the Year wasn’t enough, Lewis’ final days here at Monroe have been marked by yet another significant accomplishment. On Monday, she passed a pre-board for the Army’s prestigious Audie Murphy Club— an organization “designed to recognize noncommissioned officers who set the standard for leader-

ship excellence and NCO professionalism,” according to the club’s Web site. The final board is scheduled for June 7. There’s also the “little” matter of qualifying for a vocalist position with the U.S. Air Force Band, stationed near the nation’s capitol. Lewis ultimately turned that down in favor of continuing her Army career. “I deeply appreciate the opportunities the Army has provided me,” said the mother of three — Jenise, 18, who just enlisted in the Air Force, Andre, 16, and Janelle, 15. “I think it’s only right that I give something back.”



Photo by Matt Thomas

One final salute ...

Accompanied by his wife Mary, Lt. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin gives one final salute to Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, TRADOC commander, during a relinquishment of command and retirement ceremony May 19 at Continental Park. Cavin stepped down as the commanding officer of U.S. Army Accessions Command and ended his 34-year career. A color guard comprised of drill sergeants from Fort Jackson, S.C., was among those present at the ceremony, as were team members from the U.S. Army NASCAR and motorcycle racing teams. “Our hope is that we have, in some way, made a contribution to each of you, our Army, and the communities we have lived in,” the Cavins said in their farewell message to the audience.

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always planning on going to college. But, I figured, since I’m a big procrastinator, I’m going to go waste my parent’s money and I would have to work hard to get a car. I figured, if I join the Army, I could go to college and I could buy a car. Of her parents’ reactions to this self-professed “girly-girl” joining the Army, she said, “they were shocked. Mom said, ‘no, go in the Navy or the Air Force, not the army.’ She was in artillery back when women could be in artillery. So, she has her own idea of what the Army has to offer. My dad was so happy, he was so excited. They

didn’t expect that.” Having one year left in her enlistment, she has not yet decided about her future as a Soldier. “Right now I’m going to St. Leo University and pursuing a degree in criminology or sociology. I’m really into investigative things. I like to study why people do the things they do, I’m really interested in people. Her parents were elated when she stopped by their home to tell them she is the Soldier of the Year. “Of course, they knew before I did. When I got to their house, they were all excited, taking pictures, giving me hugs and being parents.

Father-Daughter Cotillion, June 20, call 788-3957

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